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SUBJECT:CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 4, 1978:

1. LINEN TO AIR IRAN'S LINEN. FORMER TIME-LIFE PUBLISHER JAMES LINEN HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE IRANIAN MINISTRY OF INFOBMATION TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO IMPROVE IRAN'S IMAGE IN THE U.S. (TEHRAN 4214, CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS/NOFORN)

2. ETHIOPIA MAY SUPPORT AN INDEPENDENT PUERTO RICO. IT IS PROBABLE THAT ETHIOPIA WILL SHIFT ITS POSITION AT THE NEXT UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION TO SUPPORT THE CUBAN/SOVIET POSITION ON PUERTO RICO.(ADDIS ABABA 208, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. HANOI TO NATIONALIZE PEASANT LAND? THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM MAY SOON MOVE TO "NATIONALIZE" PEASANT LAND IN SOUTHERN VIETNAM. FACED WITH THIS SITUATION, SOME PEASANTS MAY OPT FOR RESISTANCE OR SEEK REFUGEE STATUS.
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(VIENTIANE 516, CONFIDENTIAL)

4. JAPAN AND VIETNAM TO DEVELOP CLOSER RELATIONS. THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON APRIL 28 BETWEEN JAPAN AND VIETNAM CONCERNING GRANT AID AND DEBT REPAYMENT CLEARS THE WAY

FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CLOSER JAPANESE-VIETNAMESE RELATIONS.

(TOKYO 8035, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. SEYCHELLES: GOVERNMENT DROPS CHARGES. RATHER THAN PROSECUTE THE 21 CITIZENS CHARGED WITH TREASON, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SEYCHELLES HAS SERVED THE DETAINEES WITH INDEFINITE DETENTION ORDERS. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO GATHER SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO PROSECUTE. (VICTORIA 394, CONFIDENTIAL)

6. FRENCH UNIFIL CONTINGENT TO STAY PUT. A FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN BEIRUT SAID THAT DESPITE THE RECENT CLASHES WITH THE PLO, THE FRENCH UNIFIL CONTINGENT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO PULL OUT OF UNIFIL. (BEIRUT 2513, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

7. US-MONGOLIAN RELATIONS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONGOLIAN PRESIDIUM TOLD THE DUTCH AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW THAT "TIME WAS NOT RIPE" FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF US-MONGOLIAN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. (MOSCOW 9759, CONFIDENTIAL)

8. CLARK CLIFFORD'S USEFULNESS ENDED? THREE GREEK CYPRIOT NEWSPAPERS SUGGEST THAT PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE CLARK CLIFFORD REVEALED A PRO-TURKISH BIAS IN TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES ON THE EMBARGO QUESTION AND THEREBY ENDED HIS USEFULNESS AS A MEDIATOR ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT

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